



# SENATE BILL 344: Combine Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Parts I through III of S.L. 2017-186 statutorily combine the Division of Adult Correction and the Division of Juvenile Justice into one division within the Department of Public Safety to make the statutes consistent with the fact that those divisions have been operating as a single Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. These parts become effective December 1, 2017.*

*Part IV exempts the coverage of eyeglasses from the services that will be covered by Prepaid Health Plans under Medicaid transformation and allows payment for eyeglasses to continue under existing arrangements.*

*Except as otherwise indicated, the act became effective July 25, 2017.*

**BACKGROUND:** In September of 2013, the Department of Public Safety issued a press release announcing that the Department was integrating the Division of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Adult Correction into a single new division to be called the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, and the integrated division has been operating ever since. The General Statutes, however, have never been updated to reflect the fact that the two divisions were combined into a single division.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Parts I through III** of S.L. 2017-186 ensure that the General Statutes accurately reflect the way that the Department of Public Safety is operating without making any substantive or policy changes.

**Section 1(a)** statutorily establishes the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, and gives that division the power and duty to implement those portions of Article 13 of Chapter 143B related to adult correction and juvenile justice.

**Sections 1(b) through 1(n)** amends the main statutory article that governs the Department of Public Safety's duties with respect to adult correction to reflect the fact that the Division previously called the Division of Adult Correction is now called the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

**Section 1(p)** amends the statute that created the Division of Juvenile Justice so that it instead creates a Section of Juvenile Justice within the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

**Sections 1(q) through 1(t11)** amend the main statutory article that governs the Department of Public Safety's duties with respect to juvenile justice to reflect the fact that what was previously the Division of Juvenile Justice is now a section within the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

**Section 2** makes conforming changes throughout the General Statutes.

**Section 3(a) and (b)** instructs the Revisor of Statutes to make any additional changes that are needed in

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order to ensure that the General Statutes correctly refer to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice and the Section of Juvenile Justice.

**Part IV (Section 4)** exempts the coverage of eyeglasses from the services that will be covered by Prepaid Health Plans under Medicaid transformation and allows payment for eyeglasses to continue under existing arrangements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Parts I, II, and III become effective December 1, 2017. The remainder of the act became effective July 25, 2017.